



## Judicial Council of California

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# MEMORANDUM

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Date

March 29, 2006

Action Requested

Submit nomination information by  
requested deadline.

To

Justices of the Courts of Appeal  
Judges, Commissioners, and Referees of the  
Superior Courts  
Executive Officers of the Superior Courts  
Clerk/Administrators of the Courts of Appeal  
Judicial Council Members  
Judicial Council Advisory Committee and  
Task Force Members  
Specialty Bar Associations  
Law-Related Community Organizations  
Interested Others

Deadline

**May 5, 2006**

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From

Kenneth L. Kann, Acting Director  
Executive Office Programs Division

Subject

2006 Judicial Council Nominations

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The Executive and Planning Committee of the California Judicial Council is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice.

### Judicial Council Vacancies

For the three-year term commencing September 15, 2006, nominations are sought to fill four voting positions for four superior court judges and one non-voting position for a court administrator on the council.

*Council membership and responsibilities*

The Chief Justice appoints council members according to positions prescribed in the California Constitution and California Rules of Court. Prior service on Judicial Council advisory committees is desirable. Some members are nominated or selected by groups or organizations (e.g., attorney members are appointed by the State Bar). A description of the council's mission, guiding principles, membership, and terms of service appears in the California Rules of Court (Title Six, Judicial Administration Rules), rules 6.1 through 6.15. Additional information about the function and membership of the council can be found in article VI of the California Constitution.

*Members' terms and time commitment*

Terms of service for voting members of the Judicial Council are for three years. Members attend approximately 6 one- to three-day council meetings per year. Each member is also appointed to an internal committee of the council, which requires participation in an additional 6 to 10 committee meetings per year (in person or by phone). Current members estimate that, in addition to attending meetings, they spend 3 to 4 days per month on council-related tasks.

**How to Apply**

Complete a nomination form, attach nominee's biography or curriculum vitae no longer than two pages, and return these by **May 5, 2006** to:

Administrative Office of the Courts  
Office of the Secretariat  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102-3688  
Attn: Roma K. Cheadle  
Fax: 415-865-4332

Alternatively, the nomination forms can be completed online or downloaded from the California Courts Web site at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm).

Before nominating someone, please check to ensure that your nominee is interested in a position and is available to serve if selected. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations for the California Judicial Council's advisory committees are also underway, with a deadline of **June 30, 2006**.

We very much appreciate your contribution to this important process. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Secretariat at 415-865-7640.